

Testimony

We hear how NESYFC has impacted on Ian Brownlee of New Deer - who is also responsible for the newsletter's cartoon images.

I grew up in New Deer attending St Kane's Church. I had come up through the Sunday club and had moved up to Rock Solid. My first experience of YFC was going to the old Powerpoint events in Aberdeen. I remember having a really fun time and also getting some good messages. It was when Powerpoint was revamped into Breathe that I began going along more regularly, just joining the crowd for the first few, then gradually helping out more and more with setting up, games, playing in the band, helping with cameras, the Video desk and speaking.

It has been great to share my faith with other young people and to have fellowship with people my own age. Volunteering for YFC has helped me to grow in my faith and feel comfortable in speaking about it to others. It's amazing to think I've been involved with NESYFC for around ten years and to see all of the lives that God has touched through our work and events :-)

Have you got a story to share? We'd love to be able to share it - please get in touch with us.

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Ian sporting a fine mock-tache

Make a difference!

Pray for us, our work and the young people of the North East. We'll happily share our work with your church or group.

We're always looking for **volunteers** of all ages and skills

We need **financial support** - whether in your will, a regular donation of as little as £5 a month or a one-off gift; it all helps us reach young people with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

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Newsletter

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Welcome!

2011 has flown past for us and we can't believe it's nearly over already. We've had a great series of Breathe events this year, and Steven has been hard at work in schools and youth groups. Please take a look at what's been happening, give thanks to God for all the young people we work with and for their enormous potential.

Outreach Update

We hear from outreach worker Steven Hamilton

Our Breathe (games, multimedia and evangelistic talk in Aberdeenshire) event held on 29th October at Ferryden (Montrose). It was so encouraging to see such a great number of kids (20-30) at the event. We spoke about the Light that came to the world from John 1. Kids seemed to really engage with the event. Their opinion was that it was "doss!" (which apparently means "good") so we were chuffed with that.

It's been a bit more than a year that I've been working for YFC. Really thankful to God, to the board of trustees, all the volunteers and all the supporters that have made this possible!

We're encouraged to have started back with our regular activities in Meldrum (academy) and Oldmachar (church).

Please pray for Steven in his role and the items on the right.

People Changes

Owing to increasing work commitments we're sorry to report that Gillian Douglas has stepped down as Steven's line manager. Part of this job is being taken on by other members of our exec; we're also grateful to Matt Canlis (minister at Methlick) for agreeing to provide spiritual mentoring to Steven. For similar reasons, Dan Pearson has stepped down as chairperson, remaining on board to look after publicity and equipment; Alasdair Brownlee has now stepped into the chairperson's role.

Other core team vacancies remain; if you'd like to serve as part of this rewarding and mission-focused ministry please get in touch.

Prayer

Please pray for the following in the coming weeks:



- For our upcoming Breathe events next year, and for a lasting impression to be left with the young people who came to Breathe in 2011.
- For more volunteers to help with Breathe and the outreach work in schools and churches. Also, we're looking for people to fill various roles (prayer coordinator, fundraising, publicity). If you can help with any of those, please speak to Steven (steven@nesyfc.org.uk).
- For the expansion of the work in Meldrum (youth cafe) and Oldmachar (drop-in club and monthly event), and the possible new ventures in Kemnay and Shetland.
- Also for the launch of a cage football in our ministry next summer.
- For those working with YFC centres around the UK, and particularly that God reveals Himself through relationships are built with young people.
- For NESYFC's exec team, as they continually plan for the future and seek God's will for the ministry.

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YFC National Audit

From 7 to 13 February 2011, British YFC asked each employee and volunteer to record details of their interactions with young people. Here's a snapshot of the results...

3,000,000

Interactions with young people generated by YFC staff, volunteers and resources each year

Amount of time YFC spends with young people each week

3 Months

54 : 24 : 22

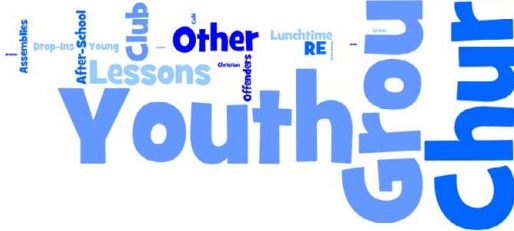
Percentages of contacts made in schools : churches : other places. The proportions of interactions in different places is represented in the wordle below

The average "spiritual depth" of interactions out of 10, an increase of 25% since 2006

6.6

67

Average interaction length in minutes, up 5% on 2006



We need you!

Be part of our exciting work! You just need a desire to see young people connect with God and be 16 or over - whatever your experience or skills we can find a place for you. In particular, we have vacancies in:



- Direct work with young people in mission and at Breathe
- Volunteer support & disclosure
- Prayer ministry
- Fundraising
- Publicity
- Admin support

Also, if you know someone else who might be suitable please pass this on to them. For more information, contact Alasdair on 01771 644228 or e-mail resources@nesyfc.org.uk

Cage

Specification for the Cage is almost complete. We are actively working on the infrastructure needed to run this exciting new project and still need help with funding, and volunteers. In the last Newsletter, we said that just 40 donations of £50 would raise the further £2000 we need to complete financing. Thanks for those donations already received, and further donations are still needed! Send cheques payable to nesycf to our Crown Terrace address. If you feel you can help with any aspect of this part of our ministry, contact Alasdair on 01771 644228, mob 07720 837311, resources@nesyfc.org.uk



Breathe

Coordinator Anne Laird brings us up to date on recent events...

The last three events have been well attended and encouragingly by young people who won't normally go inside the church. We started the term off in Methlick with a "G Factor" theme. This event was attended by over 20 young folk and quite a number who do not normally frequent the church. Our youth worker Steven was on holiday at this time so Luke Dale from DCF spoke for us and had an amazing effect on those who were there. We also had Stephen McPhee playing solo which worked very well. As you can see from our comments below we learned a new word.

Another month another venue, and another new word learned. This time a new venue to the team, we were in Ferryden just outside Montrose. Myself and Dan met up with the hosts about a month before the event to explain what Breathe is and how it works. On the day, our sound man arrived before us at the event, so definitely one to chalk up in the diary! The theme was "Shine a Light" as we were very close to Halloween and we wanted to shine Gods light at this event. Again we had quite a number of young people who did not frequent the church, but did come to holiday clubs. Steven was back from holidays and we had a full band. At school on the Monday afterwards those who attended told their class mates that Take That had played in Ferryden on the Saturday night, so hopefully their classmates will want to attend the next event.

Our most recent event in Turriff a venue which has changed greatly since our last visit, the church has been refitted with moveable chairs. The church had a busy weekend before we arrived as they had inducted their new minister on the Friday evening. Again we had a turnout of about 20 young people with some having travelled all the way from Buckie - this could be the record for the furthest distance travelled to a Breathe event. Our theme was "All Wrapped Up" with various Christmas present type of games. Steven delivered a powerful message about the real meaning of Christmas. This was a Doss event, although we did not learn any new words!!

We're now booking for 2012... Below is a list of available dates. It's first come first served, so please let us know as soon as you can which date you'd like. There's only space for one event each month, but both Saturday and Sunday dates are listed so you can choose the most convenient to you and your young folk.

February (booked for Methlick area) --- 17/18th March --- 21/22 April --- 26/27th May

Finally, here's a few quotes from our guest book at recent events, completely unedited...

Methlick 17/9/11

Great time It was!!! It was great, the games, the my first ☺ Awesome songs, the prayers & all of Really Interesting the rest! Looking forward to First time here aswell it you coming back was pretty good First time here was awesome I ♥ it Very Cool, amaz- First time here it ing, Dude, ♥ sweets, was great I loved it!! It was Poneage!! COOL !!!!

Ferryden, Montrose 29/10/11

Thanks for the fiver (except for the (cakes are awesome) Awesome Breathe Forever! Epic shock) Fun!!! :-) Doss Cool ☺ I enjoyed it! Doss The band Totally Fun! Doss!!! ☺ were rubbish Awesome Doss!! It was fun I loved the Awesomeness!!! Doss preaching and Cool Eppica!!! the band

Turriff 20/11/11

Well Gd It was awesome!!!! Really Great fun I loved it. ☺ Fun Cool So Awesome!!! Fun! :-P Fun Awesome games All wrapped up.... It was amazing. The games Good fun You get it? ☺ were hilarious!

Translations

Poneage : cool / it rocks
Doss : local Montrose word meaning brilliant, ace, awesome

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